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SUBJECT: IEA - NORWEGIAN AFFILIATION

1. SUMMARY. IEA GOVERNING BOARD AGREED TO ADOPT AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY ESSENTIALLY ON AD REFERENDUM TERMS CIRCULATED AT DECEMBER BOARD MEETING. HOWEVER, NORWAY WILL MAKE A STATEMENT TO BOARD ON SIGNING OF AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL AFFIRM THAT NORWAY WILL TAKE PART IN EMERGENCY MEASURES EXCEPT FOR REASONS OF "OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE" AND WILL TAKE PART IN CONSULTATIONS FOR DEMAND RESTRAINT AND STANDBY PRODUCTION. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS LEFT FOR DISPOSITION BY NEXT MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD WILL DETERMINE WHETHER AND, IF SO, IN WHAT MEASURE, NORWAY WILL VOTE IN IEA. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN LONDON DISCUSSIONS WITH FCO, HMG RELINQUISHED ITS

REQUEST FOR A PROTOCOL ON NORWEGIAN AFFILIATION OR FOR AGREEMENTS RUNNING BETWEEN NORWAY AND 16 IEA PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS OF NORWAY'S VOTING IN IEA LED TO CONCLUSION THAT INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORWEGIAN COLLABORATION SHOULD BE DEFERRED PENDING CAREFUL STUDY.

3. IN SESSION BETWEEN DAVIGNON, BOYESEN (NORWAY), LANTZKE AND SCHWEBEL EVENING FEB. 4, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO DEFER RESOLUTION OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO NEXT GOVERNING BOARD. FOCUS OF EXCHANGE WAS AMENDING PROPOSED STATEMENT OF NORWAY TO IEA SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THE PRESUMPTIONS THAT (A) NORWAY WILL NOT OPT OUT, AND (B) WILL COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING EMERGENCY MEASURES. IT WAS EVENTUALLY AGREED THAT NORWAY WILL NOT TAKE A DEVIATING COURSE ON EMERGENCY MEASURES "EXCEPT FOR REASONS THAT IT REGARDS AS BEING OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE". IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT NORWAY IS PREPARED TO TAKE PART ON A PAR WITH PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES WITHIN IEA, AND THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL "EMBRACE DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES WHICH NORWAY IS AT ALL TIMES READY TO ELABORATE AND STANDBY CAPACITY".

4. AT FEB. 5 A.M. SESSION OF GOVERNING BOARD, FOREGOING NORWEGIAN STATEMENT WAS "NOTED AND ACCEPTED" BY THE BOARD. LEGAL GROUP WORKED OVER TERMS OF RELEVANT TEXTS, CABLED SEPTEL.

5. WE BELIEVE THIS REPRESENTS A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF NORWEGIAN AFFILIATION. QUESTION OF PRECISE RIGHTS OF NORWAY, INCLUDING VOTING, IF ANY, WILL BE LEFT FOR SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE MORE COULD HAVE BEEN OR CAN BE EXTRACTED FROM NORWAY ON STANDBY CAPACITY, WHICH BOYESEN STATED WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE PRESENT AS MATTER OF COURSE IN DEVELOPMENT OF NORWEGIAN OIL FIELDS TO EXTENT OF 10 - 15 OF NORMAL PRODUCTION. ACCORDINGLY WE PLAN TO CONCUR IN IEA'S SIGNATURE FEB 7 OF AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY.

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